



# U.S. Coast Guard Snapshot

A summary of facts and figures about America's Coast Guard

**The United States Coast Guard is a proud 216-year-old military, multimission, maritime service and a member of the U.S. Department of Homeland Security.**

**DHS Vision:** Preserving our freedoms, protecting America...we secure our homeland.

**DHS Mission:** We will lead the unified national effort to secure America. We will prevent and deter terrorist attacks and protect against and respond to threats and hazards to the nation. We will ensure safe and secure borders, welcome lawful immigrants and visitors, and promote the free-flow of commerce.

**DHS Strategic Goals:** Awareness, Prevention, Protection, Response, Recovery, Service, and Organizational Excellence

## Coast Guard Culture

**Character:** The Coast Guard is a military, multi-mission, maritime organization dedicated to protecting the lives, safety, security and stewardship of the American people.

**Core Roles:** Maritime Security, Maritime Safety, Maritime Mobility, Protection of Natural Resources, and National Defense

**Core Values:** Honor, Respect, Devotion to Duty

**Coast Guard Motto:** *Semper Paratus* (Always Ready)

## Key Leaders

**DHS Secretary:** Hon. Michael Chertoff

**CG Commandant:** Adm. Thad W. Allen

**CG Vice Commandant:** Vice Adm. Vivien S. Crea

**CG Chief of Staff:** Vice Adm. Robert Papp

**Master Chief Petty Officer of the CG:** MCPOCG Charles W. Bowen

## Coast Guard History

"A few armed vessels, judiciously stationed at the entrances of our ports, might at small expense be made useful sentinels of the laws." *Federalist Paper 12*

- **1790:** "Revenue Marine" created within Treasury
- **1863:** "Revenue Cutter Service" established
- **1915:** Revenue Cutter Service combines with the U.S. Lifesaving Service (1848) to create the Coast Guard
- **1939:** U.S. Lighthouse Service (1789) added
- **1946:** Steamboat Inspection Service (1838) added
- **1967:** CG transferred to Department of Transportation
- **2003:** CG transferred to Department of Homeland Security

## Coast Guard Demographics, 2006

### Workforce Totals

• Civilian	7,219
• Officers	7,946
• Enlisted	31,927
• Reserve	
- Select Reserves	7,911
- Indiv. Ready Res	4,436

• Asian	0.4
• Black	6.2
• Hispanic/Latino	9.4
• Multiple Race	5.4
• Native Hawaiian/ Pacific Islander	0.3
• White	79.7

### Average Time in Service (Years)

• Officers	15.1
• Enlisted	7.8

### Commissioning Sources (%)

• Academy	45.13
• CWO to LT	5.22
• OCS Prior Enlisted	13.04
• Direct Commission	14.74
• OCS Reserve	19.63
• EAD	2.24

### Active Duty Workforce

<b>Gender (%)</b>	
• Men	88.4
• Women	11.6

### Married (%)

• Officers	67.5
• Enlisted	54.5

### Race/Ethnicity (%)

• American Indian/ Alaskan Native	2.6
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### Average Age (Years)

• Officers	37.3
• Enlisted	29.1

## On an average day in 2005, the Coast Guard...

- Saved 15 lives
- Assisted 114 people in distress
- Conducted 82 search-and-rescue cases
- Conducted 23 waterfront facility safety or security inspections
- Conducted 122 security boardings and 202 law enforcement boardings
- Serviced 40 aids to navigation
- Interdicted 26 illegal migrants at sea
- Protected \$4.9 million in property
- Seized \$12.4 million worth of illegal drugs

## Coast Guard Basics, 2006

- Active Duty Strength 41,218
- Coast Guard Auxiliary 36,928
- Cutters: 252 (12 HECs, 30 MECs, 3 Polar Ice Breakers)
- Shore Units: approx. 750 (2 Areas, 9 Districts, 35 Sectors, 23 Air Stations, 2 MLCs)
- Aircraft: 197 (102 HH-65s, 42 HH-60s, 33 C-130s, 20 HU-25s)
- Boats: 1,763

## Coast Guard Budget

- FY 06 Budget: \$ 8.09B
- Operating Expenses \$ 5.41B (includes pay)
- Acquisition, Construction & Improvement \$ 1.28B
- Reserve Training \$ 117.8M
- Research, Development, Testing & Evaluation \$ 18.1M
- Mandated Spending \$ 1.28B

## Mission Breakout

(by % of FY 06, enacted, operating expenses)

- Port Security 20.9
- Aids to Navigation 13.1
- Living Marine Resources 9.8
- Search and Rescue 11.5
- Drug Interdiction 14.6
- Marine Safety 8.9
- Ice Operations 1.8
- Marine Protection 4.7
- Migrant Interdiction 5.6
- Defense Readiness 7.4
- Other Law Enforcement 1.7

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## Key Messages

### FY 07 Budget

President Bush requested \$8.42B for the Coast Guard to:

- **Strengthen Preparedness:** The budget provides the tools, training and technology that the men and women of the Coast Guard need to be ready to carry out their missions on a daily basis, as well as the capabilities to respond to national incidents.
- **Maximize Awareness:** Greater awareness of people, vessels and cargo in the maritime domain will help identify threats before they reach our vital ports, waterways and coastline, and aid in risk-based decision making.
- **Enhanced Capabilities:** Enhancing Coast Guard capabilities is vital to controlling our maritime border and preserving our multimission responsiveness. The budget addresses this need for enhancing responsiveness through the Deepwater, Rescue 21, and Response Boat-Medium programs.

### Maritime Homeland Security Strategy

As the principal federal agency for maritime border security, the Coast Guard has continued in its role to guarantee a safe and secure maritime domain. Guided by the President's *National Strategy for Maritime Security* and the Department of Homeland Security's Six-Point Agenda, the Coast Guard incorporates the strategies of international cooperation, domain awareness, security-focused commercial practices, deployment of layered security, and ensuring the continuity of the Marine Transportation System. The Coast Guard fulfills its responsibilities by providing personnel with the necessary tools and training for missions assigned, and ensuring the effective and sustained presence of its fleets of Coast Guard cutters, aircraft and boats.

### The Integrated Deepwater System

The Integrated Deepwater System program remains at the forefront of a more ready, aware and responsive 21st century Coast Guard. The 2007 Budget provides for the construction of a third National Security Cutter and an additional Maritime Patrol Aircraft. Also included are equipment to outfit a second CASA CN-235 Air Station, the development of manned and unmanned aircraft programs and Deepwater's systems for integrated logistics and support, and command, control, communications, computers, intelligence, surveillance and reconnaissance (C4ISR).

The Deepwater Program is beginning to make a difference now. During Hurricane Katrina, C4ISR improvements to high and medium endurance cutters enabled more on-scene communication and coordination of rescue operations along the Gulf. Three more-powerful HH-65C helicopters rescued 305 people combined.

### Rescue 21

Rescue 21 is an advanced command, control, and communications system that will improve the ability of the Coast Guard to assist mariners in distress and save lives. Harnessing global positioning and cutting-edge communications technology, Rescue 21 enables the Coast Guard to respond faster to calls from mariners in distress and improve coordination with federal, state, and local agencies.

### National Fleet Policy

In March 2006, the Navy and Coast Guard jointly approved a revised Navy-Coast Guard National Fleet policy statement. The statement is aimed at strengthening Navy-Coast Guard cooperation and integrating each command's multimission platforms, infrastructure and personnel, in direct support of the President's *National Strategy for Maritime Security*. While each remains a separate service, the Coast Guard and Navy will continue to plan, acquire and maintain forces that support and complement each service's roles and missions, making each more capable of supporting the broad spectrum of U.S. national security requirements.

## Career Opportunities

### Officer (recruiting approx 507 in FY 06 for the following specialties):

- Operations (Afloat and Ashore)
- Aviation
- Legal
- Marine Safety and Security
- Engineering
- Intelligence
- Finance and Supply

### Enlisted (recruiting 3,950 in FY 06 in the following categories):

#### Deck and Ordinance Group

- Boatswain's Mate
- Gunner's Mate
- Operations Specialist

#### Hull and Engineering Group

- Damage Controlman
- Electrician's Mate
- Electronics Technician
- Information System Technician
- Machinery Technician

#### Aviation Group

- Aviation Maintenance Technician
- Aviation Survival Technician
- Avionics Electrical Technician

#### Administrative and Scientific Group

- Food Services Specialist
- Health Services Technician
- Marine Science Technician
- Public Affairs Specialist
- Storekeeper, Yeoman, Musician

#### Reserve Only

- Investigator
- Port Security

### Coast Guard information on the Web

- DHS: [www.DHS.gov](http://www.DHS.gov)  
CG Website: [www.uscg.mil](http://www.uscg.mil)  
CG Recruiting: [www.gocoastguard.com](http://www.gocoastguard.com)  
CG Academy: [www.CGA.edu](http://www.CGA.edu)  
Civilian Careers: [www.uscg.mil/hq/cgpc/cpm/jobs/vacancy.htm](http://www.uscg.mil/hq/cgpc/cpm/jobs/vacancy.htm)  
Deepwater: [www.uscg.mil/deepwater](http://www.uscg.mil/deepwater)  
Boating Safety: [www.uscgboating.org](http://www.uscgboating.org)  
CG Volunteers: [www.cgaux.org](http://www.cgaux.org)  
News: [www.uscg.mil/news](http://www.uscg.mil/news)  
Rescue 21: [www.uscg.mil/rescue21](http://www.uscg.mil/rescue21)  
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